



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
2 NAVY ANNEX  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

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Docket No: 3269-00  
25 October 2000

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Dear [REDACTED]

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 17 October 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice.

The Board found you enlisted in the Navy on 29 September 1978. Your record reflects that you served without incident until 19 September 1979 when you underwent a psychiatric examination and were diagnosed with a passive aggressive personality disorder. On 28 November 1979 you were notified of pending administrative separation by reason of unsuitability due to the diagnosed personality disorder. At this time you waived your rights to consult with legal counsel and to submit a statement in rebuttal to the discharge. Subsequently, the discharge authority directed your commanding officer to issue you a general discharge, and on 21 February 1982 you were so discharged.

Character of service is based, in part, on conduct and overall trait averages which are computed from marks assigned during periodic evaluations. Your conduct average was 2.9. An average of 3.0 in conduct was required at the time of your separation for a fully honorable characterization of service.

The Board, in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, such as your youth and immaturity, and your requests to change the characterization of your service and narrative reason for separation so that you may obtain employment with a sheriff's department. The Board also considered your request to have your Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty (DD Form 214) corrected to reflect your attendance in a Navy fire-fighting school. However, the Board concluded these factors were not sufficient to warrant a change in the characterization of your discharge or narrative reason for separation given the diagnosed personality disorder, and since your conduct average was insufficiently high to warrant an honorable discharge. Given all the circumstances of your case, the Board concluded your discharge was proper and no change is warranted. Accordingly, your application has been denied.

In regards to your request to have your DD Form 214 reflect your attendance in a fire-fighting school, the Board noted that you should contact the Department of the Navy, Navy Personnel Command, Sailor Assistance Center, Code Pers-312F, 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055-3120, to request that an administrative correction be made to your DD Form 214.

The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER ,  
Executive Director